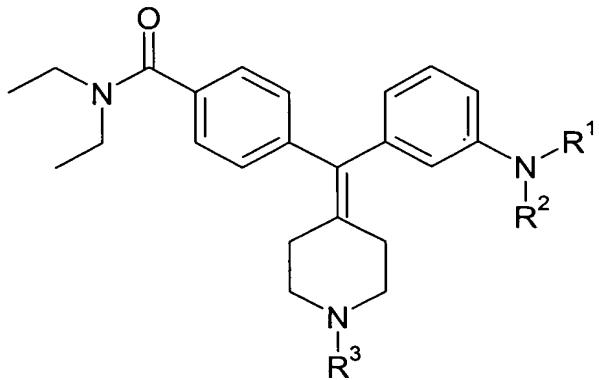


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

R¹ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, R⁸-C(=O)-, R⁸-S(=O)₂-, R⁸-S(=O)-, R⁸-NHC(=O)-, R⁸-C(=S)- and R⁸-NH-C(=S)-, wherein R⁸ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₉heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl used in defining R¹ and R⁸ are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from -R, -NO₂, -OR, -Cl, -Br, -I, -F, -CF₃, -C(=O)R, -C(=O)OH, -NH₂, -SH, -NHR, -NR₂, -SR, -SO₃H, -SO₂R, -S(=O)R, -CN, -OH, -C(=O)OR, -C(=O)NR₂, -NRC(=O)R, and -NRC(=O)-OR, wherein R is, independently, selected from -H, C₁₋₆alkyl and phenyl;

R² is selected from -H and C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, and halogen, or R¹ and R² are C₁₋₃alkylene that together form a portion of a ring; and

R³ is selected from -H, C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl,

and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, halogenated C₁₋₆alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halogen.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R¹ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen;

R² is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl; and

R³ is selected from -H and C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2,

wherein R¹ is R⁹-CH₂-, wherein R⁹ is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, N-oxido-pyridyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, thienylmethyl, furylmethyl, imidazolylmethyl, triazolylmethyl, pyrrolylmethyl, thiazolylmethyl and N-oxido-pyridylmethyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy and halogen; and

R² and R³ are hydrogen.

4. (Original) A compound according to claim 3,

wherein R⁹ is selected from benzyl, phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, wherein

wherein R⁹ is selected from benzyl, phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl and thiazolyl.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R¹ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen;

R² is -H or C₁₋₃alkyl; and

R³ is -H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 6, wherein

R¹ is selected from 1-propyl, 2-propyl, 1-butyl, 2-butyl, t-butyl, 2-methyl-1-propyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, and cyclononyl;

R² is selected from -H, methyl, ethyl, 1-propyl and 2-propyl; and

R³ is selected from -H, methyl, ethyl, allyl, 3,3-dimethyl-allyl, cyclopropylmethyl, 2-methoxy-ethyl, and 3-methoxy-1-propyl.

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R¹ is selected from R⁸-C(=O)-, R⁸-S(=O)₂-, R⁸-S(=O)-, R⁸-NHC(=O)-, R⁸-C(=S)- and R⁸-NH-C(=S)-, wherein R⁸ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen;

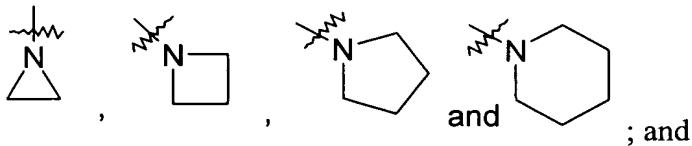
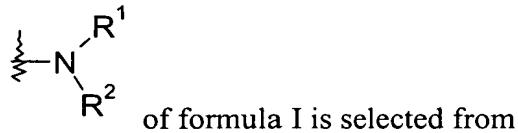
R² is -H; and

R³ is selected from -H and C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein

R⁸ is selected from phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl and cyclohexyl, wherein said phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl and cyclohexyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from methyl, methoxy and halogen.

10. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein



; and

R³ is selected from –H and C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-.

11. (Original) A compound selected from:

- 1) 4-[[3-(benzylamino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 2) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(3-furylmethyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 3) N,N-diethyl-4-(piperidin-4-ylidene){3-[(thien-3-ylmethyl)amino]phenyl} methyl)benzamide,
- 4) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 5) 4-[{3-[(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 6) N,N-diethyl-4-[piperidin-4-ylidene(3-{[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino} phenyl)methyl]benzamide,
- 7) 4-[{3-[(2-chlorobenzyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 8) N,N-diethyl-4-[piperidin-4-ylidene(3-{[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino} phenyl)methyl]benzamide,
- 9) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(2-furylmethyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 10) N,N-diethyl-4-(piperidin-4-ylidene){3-[(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]phenyl} methyl)benzamide,
- 11) 4-[{3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 12) N,N-diethyl-4-{piperidin-4-ylidene[3-(propylamino)phenyl]methyl}benzamide,

- 13) 4-[[3-(cyclohexylamino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 14) 4-[[3-(cyclopentylamino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 15) 4-[[3-(cycloheptylamino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 16) 4-[{3-[cyclopentyl(methyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 17) 4-[[3-(benzoylamino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 18) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(phenylacetyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 19) 4-[{3-[(cyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 20) 4-[{3-[(cyclohexylacetyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 21) 4-[(3-{[(2-chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 22) 4-[(3-{[(3-chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 23) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-{[(5-methylthien-2-yl)acetyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 24) 4-[(3-{[(5-chlorothien-2-yl)acetyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 25) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-{[(2S)-2-phenylpropanoyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 26) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-{[(2R)-2-phenylpropanoyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 27) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-{[(2S)-2-phenylbutanoyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 28) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-{[(2R)-2-phenylbutanoyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,

- 29) 4-[{3-[benzoyl(methyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 30) 4-[{3-[(anilinocarbonyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 31) 4-[{(3-[(benzylamino)carbonyl]amino}phenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 32) N-{3-[{4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]phenyl}piperidine-1-carboxamide,
- 33) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 34) 4-[{3-[(benzylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 35) 4-[(3-anilinophenyl)(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 36) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[methyl(phenyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 37) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[ethyl(phenyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 38) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 39) N,N-diethyl-4-[(3-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 40) 4-[(3-[(1R)-1-cyclohexylethyl]amino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 41) 4-[(3-[(1S)-1-cyclohexylethyl]amino)phenyl](piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 42) N,N-diethyl-4-[{3-[(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]benzamide,
- 43) 4-[{3-[cyclohexyl(methyl)amino]phenyl}(piperidin-4-ylidene)methyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,
- 44) N,N-diethyl-4-[piperidin-4-ylidene(3-piperidin-1-ylphenyl)methyl]benzamide,
- 45) N,N-diethyl-4-[piperidin-4-ylidene(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylphenyl)methyl]benzamide,
- 46) N,N-diethyl-4-[[3-[(2-ethyl-1-oxobutyl)amino]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]-N,N-diethylbenzamide,

- 47) N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-1-methyl-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxamide,
- 48) 6-chloro-N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-3-pyridinecarboxamide,
- 49) N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-2-methoxy-benzamide,
- 50) N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-2-quinoxalinecarboxamide,
- 51) N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-2,5-difluoro-benzamide,
- 52) 3-chloro-N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-2-thiophenecarboxamide,
- 53) N-[3-[[4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]phenyl]-3-methyl-benzamide,
- 54) N,N-diethyl-4-[[3-[(methylphenylamino)carbonyl]amino]phenyl]-4-piperidinylidenemethyl]-benzamide, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

12-13. (Cancelled)

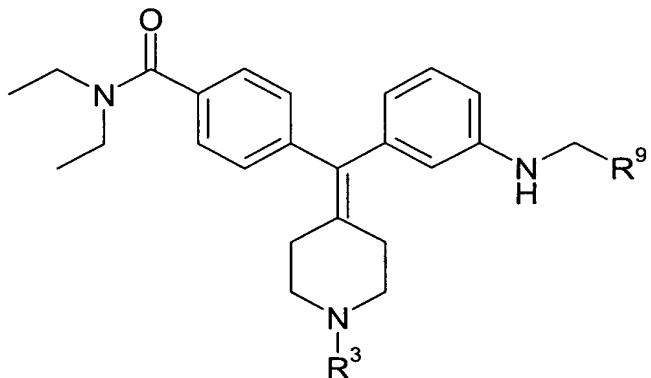
14. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-11~~claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy of pain in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-11~~claim 1.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy of functional gastrointestinal disorders in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-11~~claim 1.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy of anxiety in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1–4~~ claim 1.

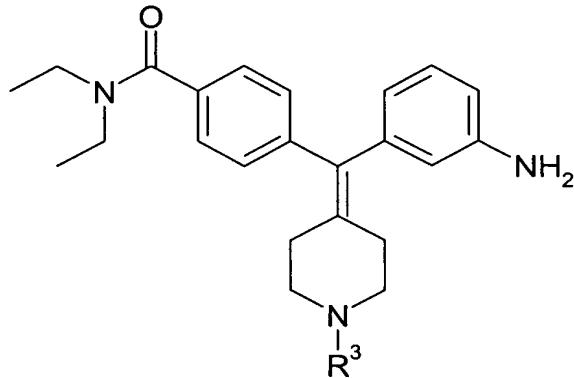
18. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula III,



III

comprising:

reacting a compound of formula II,



II

with R⁹-CHO in the presence of a reducing agent to form the compound of formula III,

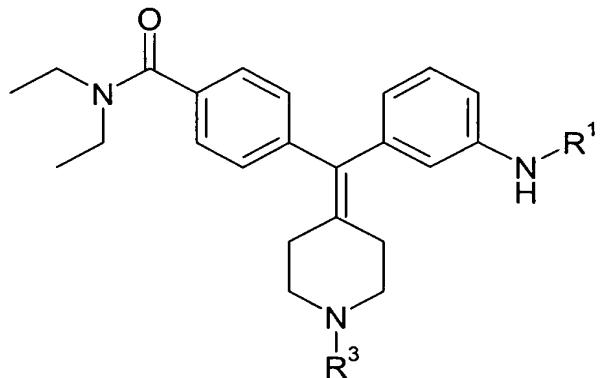
wherein

R⁹ is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, N-oxido-pyridyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, thienylmethyl, furylmethyl, imidazolylmethyl, triazolylmethyl, pyrrolylmethyl, thiazolylmethyl and

N-oxido-pyridylmethyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy and halogen; and

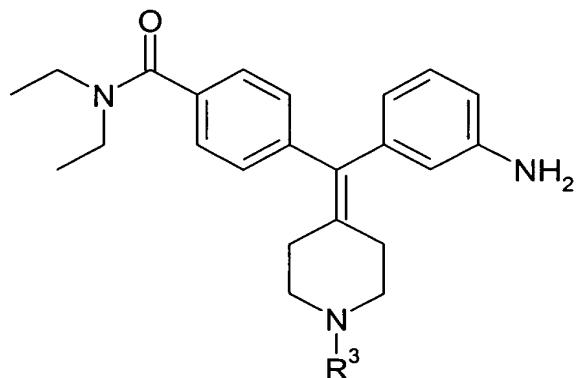
R³ is selected from C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, halogenated C₁₋₆alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halogen.

19. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula IV,



IV

comprising: reacting a compound of formula II,



II

with R¹-X to form the compound of formula IV,

wherein

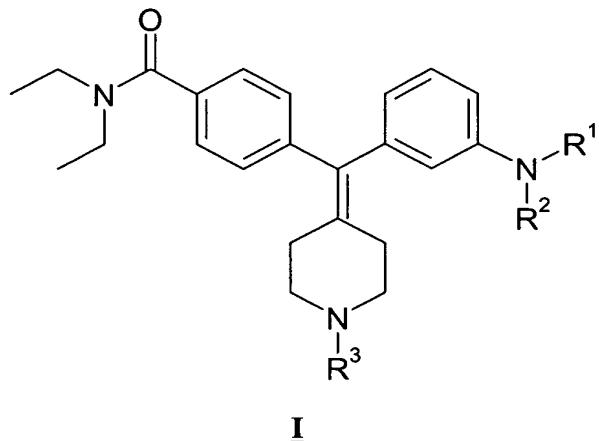
X is halogen;

R¹ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl,

C₃-10cycloalkyl, C₃-10cycloalkyl-C₁-4alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁-4alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁-3alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen; and

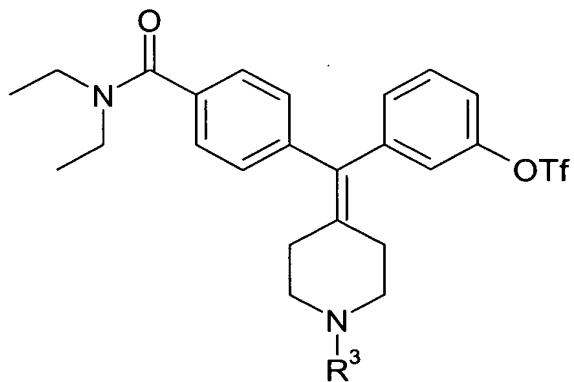
R³ is selected from C₁-6alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-6cycloalkyl, and C₃-6cycloalkyl-C₁-4alkyl, wherein said C₁-6alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-6cycloalkyl, and C₃-6cycloalkyl-C₁-4alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁-6alkyl, halogenated C₁-6alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁-6alkoxy and halogen.

20. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula I,



I

comprising: reacting a compound of formula V,



V

with R¹R²NH to form the compound of formula I,

wherein

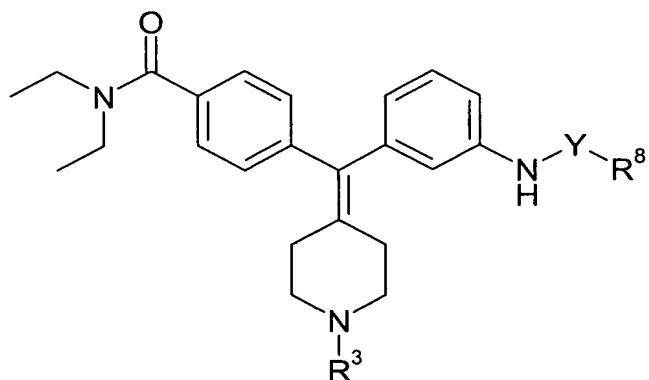
R¹ is selected from C₃-6alkyl, C₆-10aryl, C₂-6heteroaryl, C₆-10aryl-C₁-4alkyl, C₂-6heteroaryl-C₁-4alkyl, C₃-10cycloalkyl, C₃-10cycloalkyl-C₁-4alkyl, wherein said C₃-6alkyl, C₆-10aryl, C₂-6heteroaryl, C₆-10aryl-C₁-4alkyl, C₂-6heteroaryl-C₁-4alkyl,

C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen;

R² is selected from -H and C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, and halogen, or R¹ and R² are C₁₋₃alkylene that together form a portion of a ring; and

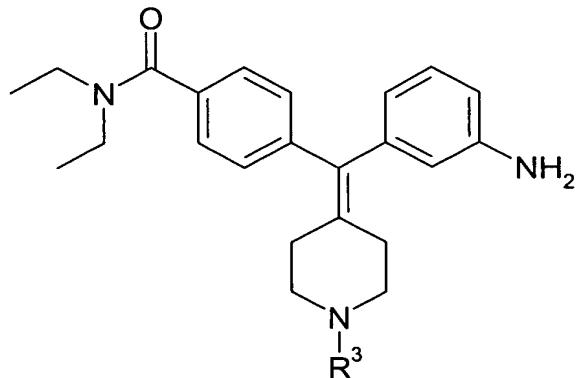
R³ is selected from C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, halogenated C₁₋₆alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halogen.

21. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula VI,



VI

comprising: reacting a compound of formula VII,



VII

with R⁸-Y-X or R⁸-Y-O-Y-R⁸ to form the compound of formula VI:

wherein

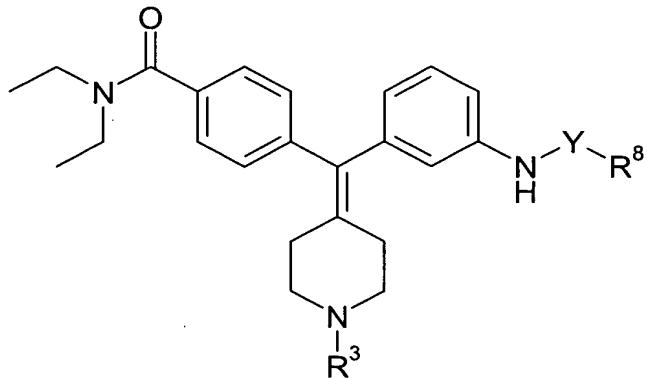
X is halogen;

Y is selected from $-C(=O)-$ and $-S(=O)_2-$;

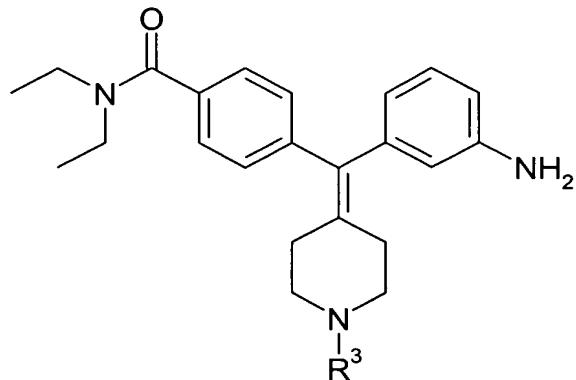
R^8 is selected from C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{2-6} heteroaryl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-6} heteroaryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl; wherein said C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{2-6} heteroaryl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-6} heteroaryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl are optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl, halogen, $-CF_3$, $-OH$, C_{1-3} alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen; and

R^3 is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl- $O-C(=O)-$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl, wherein said C_{1-6} alkyl- $O-C(=O)-$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl, $-NO_2$, $-CF_3$, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen.

22. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula VIII,



comprising: reacting a compound of formula VII,



with R^8-Z to form the compound of formula VIII:

wherein

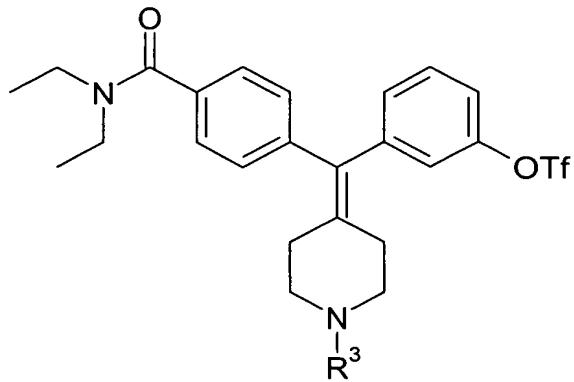
Z is selected from -NCO and -NCS;

Y is selected from -C(=O)NH- and -C(=S)NH-;

R⁸ is selected from C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; wherein said C₃₋₆alkyl, C₆₋₁₀aryl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl, C₆₋₁₀aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with C₁₋₄alkyl, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy, phenoxy, and halogen; and

R³ is selected from C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, halogenated C₁₋₆alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halogen.

23. (Original) A compound of formula V,



V

wherein

R³ is selected from C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, halogenated C₁₋₆alkyl, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁₋₆alkoxy and halogen.